

civil and constitutional rights of persons inside the United States.

As the Director of National Intelligence, Michael McConnell, outlined the current threat, there is an urgent need to enact this legislation promptly, certainly before the Congress adjourns for the August recess. Such modifications to FISA should have been enacted long ago and legislation has been pending for months as proposed by Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN and myself.

I am concerned by provisions of the proposed legislation which would give extensive authority to the Attorney General. Regrettably, Attorney General Gonzales does not enjoy the confidence of many, if not most, Members of Congress. There is in the Congress generally considerable skepticism about the administration's Terrorist Surveillance Program because it was kept secret for so long and concerns continue to be expressed that some portions have still not been adequately explained to the public, even where that might be done consistent with national security.

There has been considerable discussion among Members of the Senate raising at a minimum serious concerns and, beyond that, objections to giving Attorney General Gonzales any additional, even if temporary, authority.

Discussions have been undertaken with the Director of National Intelligence to substitute his position for that of the Attorney General; or, in the alternative, to substitute the Secretary of Homeland Security or some other official outside of the Department of Justice who has been confirmed by the Senate.

I am putting these concerns on the record now so that they may be considered and resolved at the earliest time so that legislation can be concluded before Congress adjourns for the August recess.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING GEORGE EDWARD "SKIP" PROSSER

• Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I wish to honor the life of George Edward "Skip" Prosser, head coach of the Wake Forest University basketball team.

As a Demon Deacon alumni myself, I join the entire Wake Forest University community in mourning his untimely passing.

I knew Skip personally. Skip was a friend of mine. And before I mention many of his accomplishments as a basketball coach, perhaps Skip's most admirable achievement in life was that he was a good husband and good dad.

When I first heard the news of Skip's passing, my first thoughts were not of basketball but of his wife Nancy and his sons, Scott and Mark. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to Skip's family and to the Wake Forest community that adored him.

Coach Prosser had countless basketball accomplishments, and as I stand here today, I can only scratch the surface of what he has achieved.

When he joined Wake Forest University for the 2001 to 2002 season, after successful coaching at Loyola, Maryland, and Xavier, he added a much needed spark to our basketball program that yielded immediate success.

Coach Prosser is the only coach in NCAA history to take three different schools to the NCAA Tournament in his first season at each of those schools.

In his first four seasons coaching at Wake Forest, Coach Prosser led the Demon Deacons to the NCAA tournament, and in 2003 he led the team to its first outright regular season ACC title in over 40 years.

In the 2004 to 2005 season, Coach Prosser's Demon Deacons rose to No. 1 in the national rankings for the first time in school history.

One of his most impressive statistics was his career wins percentage of .666 that is among the highest winning percentages of active coaches.

More impressive, however, is the statement Coach Prosser often made about his personal coaching record. It personified the kind of man Skip was. When his record was applauded, he often responded by saying, "I don't have a career record. The players won those games."

In addition to the honor and praise Coach Prosser got for his achievements on the court, his work off the court also deserved high marks.

Coach Prosser always emphasized that academic success was the first priority for his athletes. In fact, every senior on Coach Prosser's team graduated with a diploma in 4 years.

The Wake Forest student body embraced him as one of their own because he took every opportunity to spend time with them—frequently walking through the Wake Forest Quad, talking with students, and game after game filling our home basketball coliseum with Demon Deacon pride.

Skip Prosser will be missed. He was an outstanding man who brought a community together through the game he so loved.

Again, I send my deepest condolences to Skip's family, his athletes, his fans, and his friends.●

COMMENDING WEYERHAEUSER CORPORATION

• Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the Weyerhaeuser Corporation for its assistance in the relief efforts and the rebuilding of the gulf coast that was devastated by Hurricane Katrina in August of 2005. This outstanding company has gone well beyond the call of duty, truly exemplifying community service.

Weyerhaeuser was incorporated in 1900 and is one of the world's largest integrated forest product companies. Headquartered in Federal Way, WA,

Weyerhaeuser employs over 49,000 people in 18 countries. In 2005, Weyerhaeuser recorded sales of \$22.6 billion and managed more than 6.5 million acres of timberland in nine States.

On November 29, 2006, Weyerhaeuser received the Ron Brown Award, the only Presidential award to honor companies "for their exemplary quality of their relationships with employees and communities." The Ron Brown Award, originally established by President Bill Clinton, is named after the late Secretary of Commerce who believed that "businesses do well by doing good."

I am honored to have such a dedicated company operating in Mississippi in places such as Magnolia, Philadelphia, Richland, Columbus and Bruce. Weyerhaeuser has been operating in Mississippi since 1956 with approximately 1,700 employees at 14 locations, as well as 776,000 acres of timberland.

To date, over 300 employees and retirees from across the United States have volunteered more than 42,000 hours of their time, helped rebuild more than 50 homes, and contributed more than \$2.8 million for disaster relief. Weyerhaeuser has a generous policy of allowing employees 2 to 4 weeks of paid leave to help volunteer in the rebuilding efforts of the gulf coast.

The people touched by Weyerhaeuser's response say it best. As one family wrote in response to help from Weyerhaeuser volunteers, "Because of all your efforts, we are home! Words cannot truly express the outpouring of love we have received. We are eternally grateful to our Weyerhaeuser family."

The high caliber of Weyerhaeuser employees can be seen in their comments after volunteering on the gulf coast. One man noted, "The days were long and hot, the work was intense, but the rewards were immeasurable. This has been an experience I won't soon forget." Another volunteer employee commented, "This experience was such a blessing. I got so much more from it than I felt I gave." One Weyerhaeuser retiree said, "Having once more the opportunity to work side by side with other Weyerhaeuser employees and retirees made me realize anew why I enjoyed working for Weyerhaeuser so much. It's all about the people and the values the company ascribes to. Thanks again." Testimonies such as these speak volumes about Weyerhaeuser's dedication to its employees and others.

I cannot thank the company enough for the work they have done and continue to do. It is truly deserving of such a prestigious award, and I am delighted to see Weyerhaeuser's efforts have been recognized.●

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the statewide effort my great State of New Mexico will put forth for the National Night Out. National Night Out is a community event

designed to bring awareness to preventing crime while building partnerships between communities and local law enforcement agencies. Crime is not limited to urban areas anymore; it affects every person in every town, big and small. Communities need to be proactive in fighting it. National Night Out is a great step locals can take to curb violence and crime in their areas.

Activities for the night out include barbecues, block parties, downtown rallies and townhall meetings and vary by community; each event in an attempt to gain support for local law enforcement and create camaraderie amongst citizens. When communities come together, they can do great things, even fight crime. Some New Mexico communities participating in National Night Out are Albuquerque, Belen, Bernalillo, Bosque Farms, Carlsbad, Gallup, Isleta, Jal, Las Cruces, Los Lunas, all of Sandoval County, Santa Fe, and Truth or Consequences. Each town will celebrate with its own flair, and each night out will succeed in bringing awareness to crime in their area.

I applaud these neighborhoods for being proactive in their local fight on crime.●

15TH ANNUAL NAVAJO FAIR AND RODEO

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, almost 40 years ago, the Ramah Navajo School Board was incorporated in New Mexico as a means to provide education, health, job training, and social services to the Ramah Navajo people. This private, not-for-profit group was created in 1970 and has since strengthened the community through its involvement. As they have done for the past 15 years, the School Board organizes a fair and rodeo as a celebration of Ramah Navajo culture and the culture of New Mexico.

To name a few of the events this year, there is a Pow Wow, kid's carnival, traditional dance performances, and roping competitions. I want to recognize the Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc., and their efforts to promote these public events, specifically the landmark of the 15th annual Ramah Navajo Fair and Rodeo. These events strengthen bonds in the community with the people and their traditions.

Because of their location and separation from the contiguous Navajo Nation, the Ramah Navajo community stands on a mission of self-determination and self-reliance, setting up programs like the School Board to deal with all their people's needs. The Ramah Navajo School Board helped create the first Indian-controlled contract school in the United States, currently educating 600 students.

I would like to bring to the attention of the country how the Ramah Navajo people have kept their cultural identity strong while building on their community through events like this fair and rodeo.●

TRIBUTE TO DELORES TOLLEFSON

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, most of us look back on our high school years as a wonderful time of learning, growing and maturing.

And also, most of us remember fondly one special teacher that gave us a nudge or an encouraging pat on the back or maybe even some discipline at the right moment.

For me, that teacher was Delores Tollefson. She was a big presence in a small school. She was the English teacher who virtually did it all in my small school of 40 students in all four high school grades. She put on all the class plays; she helped run the school newspaper and spearheaded the school annual; and she taught speech and English, and much more.

But most important to me was that she had the patience to see potential in her students. At just the right time she would offer either encouragement or disapproval and say, "You can do that, you've got a lot of talent," or "You're better than that. Come on—get busy and work up to your potential," or "Great job!"

Most of us who were fortunate enough to have a teacher that saw potential and pushed us to reach it seldom took the time to say thank you.

This year marks the 90th birthday of Delores Tollefson and I want to pay tribute to a wonderful teacher who affected my life in a very positive way. It is time to say a very special "Thank you."

Happy Birthday, Delores Tollefson! And thank you for dedicating your life to teaching young people. It made a big difference in the life of this former student.●

HONORING SUPERLATIVE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize an outstanding small business from my home State of Maine that has established itself as one of New England's leading information technology engineering firms. Headquartered in East Machias, Superlative Technologies Inc., SuprTEK, provides effective information technology solutions and engineering services to the diverse clientele it has established during its 11 years in operation.

As an 8(a) and HUBZone certified small business, SuprTEK supplies private industries, as well as local, State, and Federal Government, with support solutions in a wide variety of areas, including information assurance, network management, systems development, operation management, wireless solutions, and enterprise architecture. The 8(a) and HUBZone programs often allow small businesses, such as SuprTEK, greater access to Federal Government opportunities. The HUBZone program, in particular, benefits rural communities by ensuring the business itself, and a portion of its employees, reside in the HUBZone. By en-

abling each client to utilize its support solutions effectively and efficiently, SuprTEK demonstrates its strong commitment to improving its clients' businesses. Employing highly qualified business and technical specialists averaging almost 10 years of experience, SuprTEK demands high standards for themselves and their clients.

SuprTEK has consistently fought to bring jobs and economic vitality to the Machias region and all of downeast Maine. With the closing of the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station in Cutler, and fears of the loss's effect on the local economy, SuprTEK was awarded a contract to build a first-of-its-kind Navy Human Resources Benefits Call Center in July of 2001. The employees at SuprTEK provided health, insurance, and retirement assistance to nearly 40,000 U.S. Navy civilian employees throughout the Northeast in 2001. Currently, 30 employees aid the full 186,000 member Navy civilian workforce worldwide. In May 2005, SuprTEK completed the construction of a new and improved facility in East Machias to house its call center. And in October of 2006, the U.S. Navy announced a new contract for SuprTEK's call center to continue providing these vital resources to the Navy through 2011.

In 2005, the Army Surface Deployment and Distribution Command presented SuprTEK with its Small Disadvantaged Business Outstanding Achievement Award. This award is emblematic of the U.S. military's appreciation for the work that SuprTEK has done and continues to do. Having visited SuprTEK myself, I have seen firsthand the dedication and commitment of the employees at SuprTEK and the tremendous impact that they are having on the lives of the Navy's civilian employees. Furthermore, SuprTEK plans to expand its operation by creating a business park that would also include low-cost office space for light industry, such as manufacturers of clothing and household items. This is a welcome and reassuring sign for a region whose prosperity has suffered. I thank everyone at SuprTEK for the magnificent job they have done so far, and wish them luck in their future endeavors.●

DECLARATION OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE THREAT IN LEBANON POSED BY THE ACTIONS OF CERTAIN PERSONS TO UNDERMINE LEBANON'S LEGITIMATE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS—PM 23

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States: